
By Mr. Peters of Medford, petition of Lewis H. Peters relative to the establishment of police and fire departments in the city of Medford. Cities. Jan. 16, 1924.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Four.

An Act relative to the Establishment of Police and Fire Departments in the City of Medford.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section forty of chapter three hun-
2 dred and forty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred
3 and three is hereby amended by inserting in the
4 first line after the word " may " the words:—in
5 its discretion,—and by inserting after the word
6 " appointment " where it occurs in the second and
7 fourth lines the words:— or nomination,— so as to
8 read as follows:— *Section 40.* The board of alder-
9 men may, in its discretion, establish a police depart-
10 ment and may provide for the appointment or nomi-
11 nation of a chief of police and of other members of
12 the police force by the mayor, or for the appoint-
13 ment or nomination of other members of the force
14 by a chief of police to be appointed by the mayor.

1 SECTION 2. Section forty-one of said chapter
2 three hundred and forty-five is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the word " may " in the first line
4 the words:— in its discretion,— and by inserting

5 after the word “ appointment ” in the second and
6 fourth lines, in each instance, the words: — or nomi-
7 nation, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 41.*
8 The board of aldermen may, in its discretion, estab-
9 lish a fire department, and may provide for the ap-
10 pointment or nomination of a chief engineer and of
11 other members of the department by the mayor, or
12 for the appointment or nomination of other mem-
13 bers of the department by a chief engineer to be
14 appointed by the mayor.